



Town of Vienna Newsletter

MARCH 2009

Business License Renewal Deadline

Town businesses are reminded that March 2 is the deadline for payment of the annual business, professional, and occupational license (BPOL) tax. All businesses in the Town of Vienna, including home occupations, must renew their business licenses each year.

The amount of the tax is based on gross receipts, and the rate varies according to the type of business. The gross receipts threshold is \$50,000, below which the tax does not apply. Businesses with gross receipts of \$50,000 or less pay only the minimum license fee of \$30 per year.

License tax renewal forms were mailed at the end of January, and forms are also available in the Finance Department at Town Hall and online at www.viennava.gov. For more information or assistance in figuring license taxes, call 703-255-6321.

Street Sweeping

The Department of Public Works' spring street sweeping program begins this month. Residents are requested not to park on the street during the scheduled time for their section of town to allow the street sweeper to do a thorough job. See page 5 for a map and more information.

NEW IN TOWN? There's a welcome packet especially for new residents. Stop by Town Hall and pick one up, or call 703-255-6330 to have one mailed to you.

SAVE THE DATE!

VIENNA GREEN EXPO

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

7-9 P.M.

VIENNA COMMUNITY CENTER

Practical information and demonstrations

to help you make green choices!

Presentations and discussions for children and adults

from local organizations and businesses,

including energy efficiency tips,

purchasing local organic products, creating green gardens,

recycling options and much more!

Great ideas that can save you money

and help the environment!

Robinson Retiring from Council

(See "Comment from the Council Table" on page 3.)

Town Councilwoman Maud F. Robinson has announced that she will not seek re-election this year. A member of Council since 2000, she previously served on the Board of Architectural Review, Town/Business Liaison Committee, and Church Street Vision Committee.

Councilwoman Robinson and her husband, the late Mayor Charles A. Robinson Jr., moved to Vienna in 1951 and have been involved in many community activities over the years. She currently serves on the Board of Historic Vienna Inc. and is a member of the Ayr Hill Garden Club and American Legion, and an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Vienna. She is a past member of the Vienna Lions Club, Vienna Woman's Club, and Friends of the Library.

Councilwoman Robinson was named Citizen of the Year in 1993 by the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce and again in 2000 by the *Vienna Times*. She also received the Vienna Toastmasters' Community and Leadership award in 1995 and the 2000 Community Builder award from Concord Lodge 307 A.F. & A.M.

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise

JANUARY 5, 2009

- Approved a letter from Mayor Seeman and the McLean Citizens Association thanking Fairfax County Supervisor Sharon Bulova and Planning Commission Chairman Peter Murphy for listening to their concerns regarding proposed development at Tysons Corner.

- Accepted the resignation of Charles Brewer from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

- Conducted a public hearing concerning penalties for overcrowding in single-family houses.

- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed ordinance concerning how far a carport may project into the side yard of a single-family house.

- Authorized a five-year extension of a telecommunications franchise agreement with XO Communications.

- Approved the payment of \$27,453.69 to Williams Management Co.

as the Town's 50% share for alleyway improvements behind 101 Church St., N.W.

- Approved the purchase of a pickup truck for the Water and Sewer Division from R.K. Chevrolet at a price of \$12,576.

JANUARY 26, 2009

- Adopted an ordinance regulating portable storage containers.

- Conducted a public hearing on the proposed addition to the Town's schedule of fees of a \$25 permit fee for the use of a portable storage container.

- Approved signage for Valerianne, 111 Church St., N.W.

- Approved the expenditure of \$143,403 as the Town's share of the Beulah Road improvement project.

- Referred to the Planning Commission for public hearing and recommendation proposed amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance concerning cancellation of

building permits for failure to start construction.

- Approved the purchase of stone, gravel, and sand from Chantilly Crushed Stone and Loudoun Quarries.

- Approved the purchase of industrial supplies, HVAC supplies, and lamps from W.W. Grainger of Richmond.

- Adopted an ordinance setting penalties for overcrowding in single-family houses.

- Adopted an ordinance concerning how far a carport may project into the side yard of a single-family house. (*Approved 6-1, Cole voting nay.*)

- Conducted a closed session to discuss candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.

**Minutes & Agendas
for the Town Council
and Town Boards & Commissions
Are Available at www.viennava.gov.**

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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Send news to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.
FAX 703-255-5722 e-mail pio@viennava.gov
Deadline for April issue is March 15.

Voter Registration Deadline April 6

Monday, April 6, is the last day to register to vote in the May 5 Town election. You are eligible to register if you are a Vienna resident, at least 18 years old by election day, and a U.S. citizen.

You may register in person in the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office at the County Government Center or by mail. Application forms are available in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, all public libraries and other locations around the county, and at www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

If you are already a registered voter, no additional registration is required for the Town election; however, you should check your voter registration card to be sure it lists your current name and address.

For more information, call the Registrar's Office at 703-222-0776.

Comment from the Council Table

Become a Part of Life in Vienna

**By Maud F. Robinson
Vienna Town Councilwoman**

Since I am not seeking re-election to the Town Council, this will be my last column in the newsletter. And so I am going to share some personal thoughts instead of discussing town government issues.

First, I want to express my sincere thanks to everyone who supported me in the last four Town elections, thereby giving me the rewarding privilege of serving on Town Council. A thank you also to all the civic-minded citizens who vote every year, even if I was not their candidate of choice!

Thank you also to the staff members of every Town department. Whether visible to the public or not, they are the engine that keeps Vienna running 24/7. Town Council members may make policy deci-

sions, but it is the diligent support of staff that translates them into effective action. It is also the conscientious and knowledgeable advice of the Town Manager and department heads that gives facts and reality to Council decisions.

Finally, I have a favor to ask. Please, if you have not done so already, become acquainted with how our town government functions – the boards and commissions and their responsibilities as well as those of Council. To use a current buzz word, transparency is alive and well in Vienna. The meeting dates are listed on the Town calendar we all receive, and the public is welcome to come, listen, and participate. Even Council work sessions, including budget discussions, are open to the public. Hopefully, you may decide you would



Councilwoman Robinson

like to be a participant in the governance of Vienna. The Town Clerk will be more than happy to give you an application for membership on one of the boards.

Vienna belongs to all of us, not just whatever governing body happens to hold office. As such, we are all stakeholders of the town, and its well-being now and in the future depends on the informed, constructive involvement of all citizens in its government. As of August 1, I will be a 58-year resident of Vienna. When my husband and I came here, it comprised some two square miles and 2,000 residents. Two or three years later, the building of homes in southwest Vienna and land annexation expanded it to four square miles and hundreds of new families. The newcomers took civic responsibility seriously (Many were World War II veterans.), and over the years their efforts paved the way and set the stage for the unique, family-oriented small town we enjoy today. Charlie and I loved this town and it greatly enriched our lives.

I asked a good and wise friend recently to give me the one word that best describes what we personally gain from involvement in the town government or service organizations or community projects, something we will always have. She thought a moment and said, "experience." True, I said, but that's not my one word. Mine is "memories," sometimes funny, sometimes sad, but most of all always rewarding for being a part of life in Vienna.

LOOK FOR TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATE PROFILES IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER.

“Vienna at Your Service” Features Finance Department

Join Mayor Jane Seeman at the next “Vienna at Your Service” meeting on Tuesday, March 10, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Town Hall.

Finance Director Phil Grant will discuss Town budget procedures, taxes, and the services his department provides.

“Vienna at Your Service” is designed to give citizens the opportunity to learn more about local government operations. The next meeting on May 12 will feature the Town’s boards and commissions.

Citizens are asked to register with the Parks and Recreation Department for each session they wish to attend. For more information, see the spring recreation brochure or call 703-255-6360.

Trim Plantings for Safety

Now that spring is in the air, residents are reminded to keep bushes, hedges, and other plantings trimmed so that they do not obstruct the vision of motorists or impede pedestrians and bicyclists. The Town Code restricts the height of vegetation to three feet above the curb level within 25 feet of an intersection. All the walkers and bikers in town will appreciate it! If you have questions or complaints about obstruction of vision at intersections, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

Tax Relief Offered to Senior and Disabled Low-income Homeowners

Both the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County offer real estate tax relief for low-income homeowners who are 65 years old and over, or permanently and totally disabled. To qualify, the following requirements must be met:

- Total household income of \$72,000 or less. This amount excludes \$6,500 of income of relatives, other than the spouse, who reside in the household. Also excluded is \$7,500 of any income received by a disabled homeowner. 100% tax relief is given for total combined income of \$52,000 or less, 50% tax relief between \$52,001 and \$62,000, and 25% tax relief between \$62,001 and \$72,000.

- Total combined assets of no more than \$340,000. This amount excludes the value of the residence, up to one acre of land, and household furnishings.

- Disabled persons applying for the first time must show evidence of disability.

In addition to real estate tax relief, Fairfax County provides rental grants and relief from personal property tax for one automobile per household.

Applications for 2009 for all programs are due April 1. This date may be extended to December 31 of next year for first-time filers or if hardship conditions exist which, through no fault of the applicant, prohibit applying by April 1.

For more information and to obtain Town application forms, call 703-255-6325. For County applications, call 703-222-8234. Applications and information can also be found at www.viennava.gov and www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

VISA Debit Card Fees Reduced for Real Estate Tax Payments

Real estate tax payments made online or in person in the Finance Department at Town Hall with a VISA branded debit card will now cost only a flat \$3.95 convenience fee instead of 2.5% of the bill amount. At this time all other credit card and debit card convenience fees are unchanged. You can make your payment online by visiting the Town Web site, www.viennava.gov. Click on "Online Payments" in the left margin. For more information, call the Finance Department at 703-255-5749.

Convenience fees for debit and credit card payments are listed below. Please note that no portion of the convenience fee goes to the Town of Vienna.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Online & Counter VISA Debit Only</u>	<u>Online and Counter VISA Credit MasterCard (Credit or Debit) American Express Discover</u>	<u>Telephone VISA Credit MasterCard (Credit or Debit) American Express Discover</u>
Real Estate Taxes	\$3.95	2.5% of Amount	3% of Amount
Water and Sewer Payments	\$4.25	\$4.25	\$4.95
Water and Sewer New Account Deposits	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$4.95

Proposed Park & Conservation Zone Hearing March 2

At its March 2 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to establish a Park and Conservation (PC) Zone to encourage the preservation of open space. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, and all interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

The intent of the proposed ordinance is for land zoned PC to remain or be restored to a natural, undisturbed, and undeveloped state. Indigenous plants and trees would be preserved whenever possible, and efforts to establish indigenous plants and trees would be strongly encouraged.

For more information about the proposed PC zone, contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341 or dpz@viennava.gov.

County Budget Meetings Set

A final Hunter Mill District town hall meeting on the proposed Fairfax County budget for fiscal year 2009-2010, similar to the one held in January at James Madison High School, is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Reston Community Center. Citizens interested in attending should RSVP to the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283 or huntermillbudget@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Public hearings on the County budget will be held March 30 and 31 and April 1 at the Government Center. If you wish to speak, call 703-324-3151 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm to register.

The County's Web site has additional information on the FY 2010 budget at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/budget. Fairfax County Public Schools' proposed budget is available at www.fcps.edu/news/fy2010.htm.

Vienna's proposed budget will be available for public review beginning Monday, April 6, at Town Hall and Patrick Henry Library.

Spring Street Sweeping Schedule

The Public Works Department's spring street sweeping program begins this month. The town has been divided into eight sections to be covered according to the schedule below. Residents are requested not to park on the street during the scheduled time for their section to allow the street sweeper to do a thorough job. As the time for each section approaches, signs will be placed on streets as a reminder, and residents can also call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381 to obtain a more definitive date of when the street sweeper will be on their block. The schedule is subject to change in case of inclement weather.

SECTION I MARCH 30–APRIL 3

West of Lawyers Rd. to town limit &
north of Maple Ave. to town limit

SECTION II APRIL 6–10

East of Lawyers Rd. to Beulah Rd. &
north of Maple Ave. to town limit

SECTION III APRIL 13–17

East of Beulah Rd. to eastern town limit &
north of Maple Ave. to northern town limit

SECTION IV APRIL 20–24

East of Glyndon St. & east of W&OD Trail
to western town line & south of Maple Ave.

SECTION V APRIL 27–MAY 1

East of Center St. & east of Lullaby Ln.
to Glyndon St. & W&OD Trail &
south of Maple Ave. to southern town limit

SECTION VI MAY 4–8

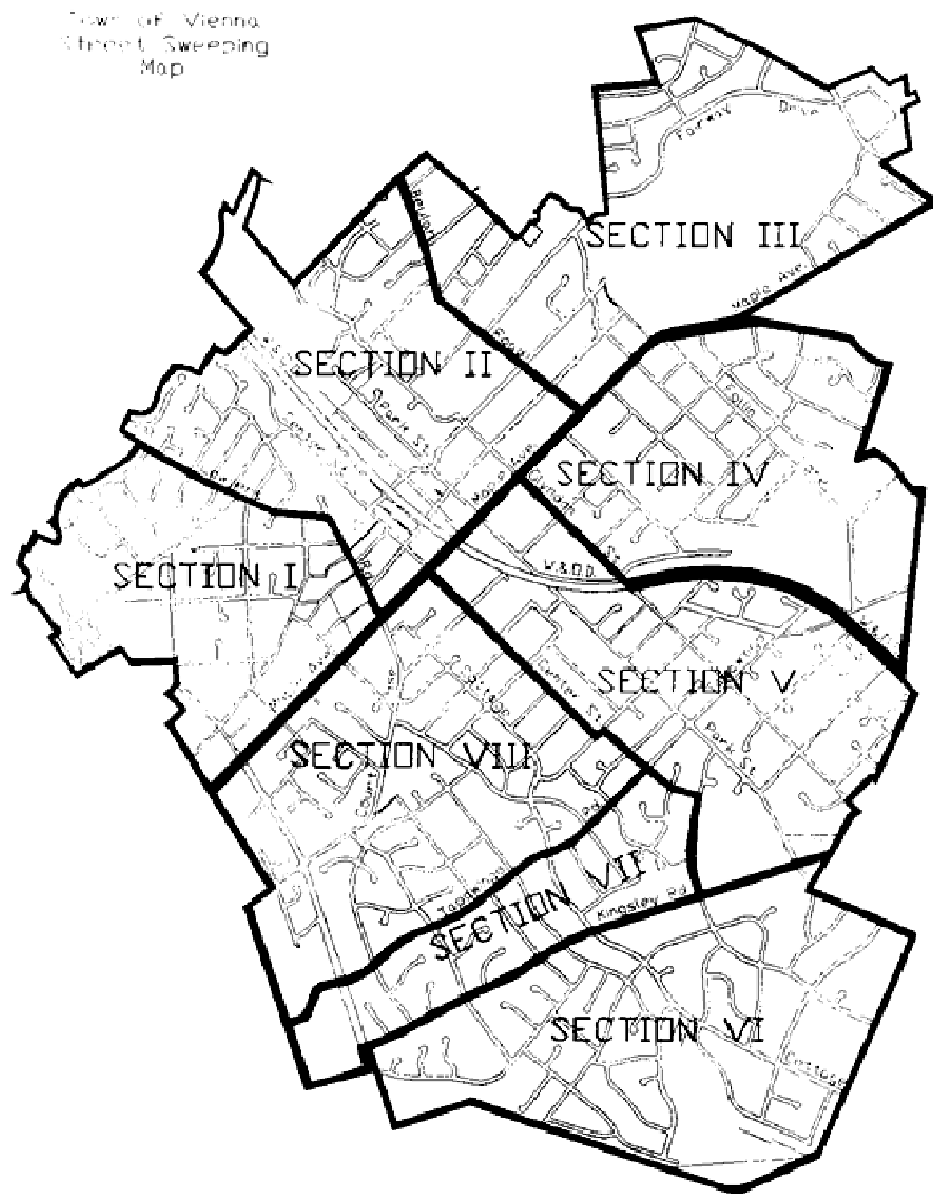
South of Kingsley Rd. to Cedar Ln.
& southern town limit

SECTION VII MAY 11–15

North of Kingsley Rd., west of Lullaby Ln.,
south of Tapawingo Rd. & east of town limit

SECTION VIII MAY 18–22

North of Tapawingo Rd., west of Center St.,
south of Maple Ave. & east of town limit



NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov. All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Young People's Concert will be presented by the Vienna Community Band at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 8. Admission is free. The program will include music from Peter and the Wolf, Carnival of Animals, Looney Tunes, and more. For more information, visit www.viennacommunityband.org.

Amateur photography contest and exhibit will be held March 21 and 22. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Entries will be accepted Thursday, March 19, from 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday, March 20, from noon to 3:45 p.m. Ribbons will be awarded in eight categories: animals, architecture, nature, pictorial, scenic, photojournalism, portraiture, and digitally enhanced. There will be a separate contest section for students in grades 7-12. The entry fee is \$10 per person. Entries are limited to four photos per person and two per category. Thanks to the Vienna Photographic Society for its assistance with this event.

Family Skate Night will be held each Friday through March 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 per skater. Bring your own roller skates or in-line skates and safety equipment (strongly recommended!). Parents are required to stay with their children and are welcome to participate.

BUS TRIPS

Philadelphia Flower Show Wednesday, March 4. This year's theme is "Bella Italia," celebrating the landscapes, gardens, and culture of Italy. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return around 7 p.m. The cost of \$68 for town residents includes transportation and admission to the show with all-day re-entry privileges. Lunch is on your own in the Convention Center food court.

Enjoy Korean cuisine at Woo Lae Oak restaurant, 8240 Leesburg Pk., on Wednesday, March 11, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Culinary historian and cultural anthropologist Dianne Hennessy will guide diners through a buffet featuring nine Korean specialties. The cost for dinner is \$35 for town residents. Transportation to the restaurant is on your own.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

10 Things Every Executor Should Know is scheduled for Monday, March 9, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss preparing probate papers, filing tax returns, prudent investing, taking a commission, basic fiduciary accounting, and more. Free of charge; no advance registration required.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Adult spring tennis league begins March 28. Men's singles games will be played on Saturdays and women's singles games on Sundays at Meadow Lane and Glyndon Parks. Each league member will play a minimum of seven matches during the season. The fee is \$15 for town residents.

Spring coed softball league games will be played at Southside Park on Sunday mornings beginning April 19. The team fee of \$450 includes 10 regular season double-headers, umpires, softballs, post-season play, and awards. For a league information package, contact Enrique Guzman at 703-255-6352 or eguzman@viennava.gov.

Monday morning walkers will visit local trails and scenic neighborhoods each Monday, March 30-April 27, from 10 to 11 a.m. The fee for town residents of \$5 for all five sessions includes a guide for each walk, trail maps, walking tips, suggested walking routes, and more.

Friday Adventure Walkers will meet from 10 to 11 a.m. each Friday, April 3-May 1, at different locations around Fairfax County. The fee is \$15 for town residents and includes walking guides and

maps. Transportation to walk destinations is on your own. Each walk is about three miles and will be held rain or shine.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Rent Club Phoenix! The Teen Center is now available for rentals on weekends. Teens must be registered at Club Phoenix. Information and applications are available at the Community Center front desk and online at www.viennava.gov. For more information, call Brandy Wyatt, Teen Program Coordinator, at 703-255-5721.

Teen Spring Break Camp will feature movies, arts and crafts, a picnic on the Town Green, and more. Camp will be held April 6-9 from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost for town residents is \$80.

Celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss on Monday, March 2, from 1 to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy the Dr. Seuss books that became hit movies. Admission and popcorn are free of charge.

St. Paddy's Day party will be held on Tuesday, March 17, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Wear your green and enjoy games, food, and contests. Free of charge.

Pancake Appreciation Day, Wednesday, March 25, commemorates the first demonstration of pancake making at a department store in New York City on this date in 1882. Drop by Club Phoenix at 4 p.m. for some pancake treats and pancake trivia. Free of charge.

It's April Fools' Day all day long at Club Phoenix on Wednesday, April 1. Join in on the fun. Free admission.

POTPOURRI

Writing Your Personal History is an informal, group-run class for people interested in documenting their life stories. Class will be held each Thursday, April 2-August 13, from 10:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Class members select topics about which to write, and read their work to each other

for supportive feedback. Free of charge; a donation of \$5 will be used to provide refreshments at each class.

Foundations of Writing: The Memoir is scheduled March 19-April 30, Thursdays from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. Instructor Cheryl Somers Aubin, who holds an MA in writing from Johns Hopkins University, will lead participants in weekly writing exercises and share the results in a supportive atmosphere. The fee is \$57.60 for town residents.

Summer camp registration begins March 2 for town residents. Camps include tennis, basketball, baseball, football, soccer, fencing, and other sports plus adventure camps for teens and the summer playground program. Consult the summer camp brochure (available online at www.viennava.gov) for information on dates and fees.

Va. Senior Games Call for Volunteers

The Virginia Senior Games, sponsored by the Virginia Recreation and Park Society (VRPS), are returning to the Richmond area and seeking volunteers for the May 7-10 event.

Senior adults age 50 and over will gather to compete in a variety of sports activities, including archery, three-on-three basketball, tennis, race walking, golf, horseshoes, swimming, track and field, volleyball, and more. For a complete registration packet call VRPS at 804-730-9447 or e-mail vsg@vrps.com.

Volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of areas – sports events, social activities, registration, hospitality, and general support. To sign up as a volunteer and for more information, call Judy Jones, Volunteer Coordinator, at 804-751-4135.

The Virginia Senior Games program has provided a qualifying venue for the National Senior Games since 1987. That year, 67 senior athletes represented the Commonwealth at the first national event in St. Louis and brought home 29 medals.

The purpose of the Games is to promote physical and social wellness for seniors, and the program is positioned to expand with the ever increasing senior population. Events are chosen to include the non-physical as well as the physical to ensure the accommodation of all skill levels.

FAMILY FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3
at Glyndon Park

Tickets will be sold at the Vienna Community Center
Saturday, March 14, 9-10 a.m.
(in-town residents only)
& Monday, March 16, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
\$3.50 per family member
Maximum six tickets per family



OLD-FASHIONED EGG ROLL

for children age 12 & under and their parents
Saturday, April 4, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
at the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E.

Free of charge; bring your own basket.
Visit with the Easter Bunny
& listen to a storyteller.
For more information,
call Historic Vienna, Inc., at 703-938-5187.



**Be a Volunteer...
Be a Sponsor ...
Be a Friend
of the Town Green**

The Vienna Town Green 2009 performance series will begin in May and continue through September. The tentative schedule includes Annapolis Bluegrass, Jimmy and Moondi, Bill Emerson and the Sweet Dixie Band, and Blaskapelle "Alte Kameraden."

The Friends of the Town Green was established to provide support, in every way, in order for these popular free events to continue. They invite you to join in their efforts and become a Friend! Memberships, donations, and sponsorships are welcome at any time. To find out more about this volunteer organization, go to the Town of Vienna Web site at www.viennava.gov and click on the Parks and Recreation link. Multiple opportunities for individuals, families, businesses, and organizations are available to make a donation, be a sponsor, become a member, or volunteer. For more information contact Cathy Salgado at 703-255-6356 or csalgado@viennava.gov.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Antiques appraisal will be held at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, March 28, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. To schedule an appraisal, call 703-938-5187. Due to the popularity of this event, appointments are limited to two items per person. The cost is \$7.50 per item for Historic Vienna Inc. members and \$10 for non-members.

TaxAide volunteers will be at Sun-Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E., through April 15, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointment is required. Bring a government-issued photo ID and Social Security cards for all persons included on the tax return. The AARP Tax-Aide program is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation service, available to low- and middle-income taxpayers. All volunteers are certified by the IRS. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Vienna Choral Society will present Haydn Fest: A Commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the Death of Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E. Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$14 for students and senior citizens, and \$30 for families. For more information, visit www.viennachoralsociety.org or call 703-255-5508.

"Vienna Remembers World War II," an exhibit portraying life on the home front and the stories of our hometown service men and women, continues at the Freeman House store and museum, 131 Church St., N.E. Free admission. Hours are Wednesday-Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. For information, call 703-938-5187. Vienna's original "Little Library," the oldest building of its kind in Fairfax County, is open the first Sunday of each month on the grounds of the Freeman House.

Nature Photography Expo will be presented by the Northern Virginia Alliance of Camera Clubs (NVACC), March 7 and 8 at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 per person each day, free for children

under 16. The exhibit will showcase more than 200 nature photographs and offer lectures, free portfolio reviews, free camera cleanings, and the chance to photograph hawks and owls in a natural setting. For more information, visit www.meadowlarkphotoexpo.org.

Crop for the Cure during a day of scrapbooking at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S., on Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost of \$40 includes lunch, new products and ideas, raffles, snacks, and instructions. Proceeds will benefit the local Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in May. A massage therapist will be available and will also donate all proceeds to the Avon Walk. Contact Nanci Myers at MN9593@yahoo.com or 703-625-5649 to register.

The Greater Vienna Republican Women's Club welcomes all interested women to attend its next meeting on Friday, March 20. For information, call Sigrid at 703-938-0954.

Vienna Elementary PTA Run for Fun, 5K race and 1-mile fun run/walk, will be held on Sunday, April 26, at the school, 128 Center St., S. Proceeds support the PTA's educational enrichment programs. Over 550 runners/walkers participated in last year's event, so early registration is encouraged. For more information, visit www.venna5krun.org.

Lunch 'n' Life, sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, will be held at 12 noon Monday, March 9, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd. Former Virginia Governor Linwood Holton will speak about *Opportunity Time*, his recently published memoir about his tenure as Governor from 1970 to 1974. The cost for lunch is \$8, payable in advance. For reservations and more information, contact the Shepherd's Center at 703-281-0538 or office@scov.org.

Art in America series continues at Patrick Henry Library March 3 and 7 at 7 p.m. A docent from the National Museum of American Art will lead the discussion. Also this month at the library: Around the World in Film screens an East German

comedy about the fall of the wall on March 4 at 7 p.m., the Great Decisions Seminar on foreign policy will meet at 2 p.m. March 24, and Wii for Adults is March 17 at 11 a.m. To register and for more information about these and other library programs, visit the library or call 703-938-0405.

Your old magazines and paperback books (no hard covers) are welcomed by detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center through the Literacy Project sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter. Regular donors may leave publications in sturdy plastic bags at the usual location on the last Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call Florence Roseborough at 703-281-2498 for information.

Open house at the Vienna Railroad Station, corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E., will be held on Saturday, March 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free; donations accepted. The Northern Virginia Model Railroaders invite the public to see an operating HO scale model railroad. For information, call 703-938-5157 or visit www.nvmr.org. Vienna's red caboose will also be open to visitors that afternoon, thanks to the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna.

Volunteer Fair, hosted by the Shepherd's Center and AARP, will be held on Wednesday, March 25, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St. Volunteers are needed to provide rides to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and errands as well as to help with minor home repairs and routine record-keeping tasks and to socialize with home-bound individuals. For more information, call the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna at 703-281-0538.

2009 Vienna Firefighter/EMT and Police Officer of the Year awards will be presented at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N. The public to attend the ceremony. For information, call 703-938-9535.

Northern Virginia Senior Softball seeks men 50+ and women 40+ to play slow-pitch softball games on Fairfax County fields Tuesday and Thursday mornings, April 15-August 7. Players are assigned to a team at the skill level they meet by a skill assessment, not a tryout. For more information, call Dave, 703-524-5576, or Ted, 703-913-0028.

Vienna resident Donna Migliaccio will appear as radical anarchist Emma Goldman in "Ragtime," the Tony award-winning musical based on the best-selling novel by E.L. Doctorow. Intertwining the stories of three different families in turn-of-the-century New York, the show's four-week run begins April 18 at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. For information, go to www.kennedy-center.org.

Teens in Turmoil author Carol Maxym, a psychotherapist and educational consultant, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 2351 Hunter Mill Rd. Copies of the book, described as "a universal handbook for parents and professionals working with struggling teens," will be available for sale. Free admission; minimum donation of \$5 suggested. For more information, call 703-281-3987 or visit www.GoodShepherdVa.com.

All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N., includes omelets, scrambled eggs, potatoes, sausage, bacon, sausage gravy, fruit, coffee, juice, toast, and biscuits. The buffet will be open on Sunday, March 15, from 8 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. The buffet is hosted by Auxiliary Unit 180. For information, call Janet Renner at 703-625-5736.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Patricia Robertson of the Veterans Administration will discuss the VA's Research and Development program, which is improving the lives of veterans and all Americans through health care discovery and innovation. For more information, call 703-255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

Pruning demonstration will be given at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. Free of charge. Learn how to remove dead, damaged and diseased wood, and how to shape trees and shrubs to encourage new growth and flowering. For more information, call 703-255-3631.

The Vienna Police Want You to Know

*By Master Police Officer Bill Murray,
Community Relations Officer*

"What was the helicopter doing hovering over our neighborhood last night?"

"There were two police cars outside our home yesterday. I wonder what they were doing?"

"I heard that there was a serious crime around the corner three days ago. I wonder if it's true?"

"What goes on during the night when I am sleeping or during the day when I'm at work?"

If you have ever wondered about police related information, events, or crimes that may have occurred in town, we want you to know you have an online source as well as a human resource you can contact. All of our media releases are published on the Town's Web site. (A media release is an informational bulletin typically sent to all area news media sources sharing brief details of a significant event.) For you as a citizen, this information is now available online just as fast as it becomes available to the press! All you have to do is go to www.viennava.gov and click on the "Police Media Releases" link on the left-hand side of the page near the bottom. The releases are cataloged in chronological order starting with the most recent one.

Additionally, we publish online a comprehensive multi-page document on a weekly basis called the Vienna Police Highlights. Police Highlights lists in-depth information regarding most significant incidents handled by the Vienna Police. Police Highlights is typically 10 or so pages long and also incorporates all media releases that were issued during the reporting period. You will also find interesting information on awards and achievements attained by our officers as well as other human interest items relative to the Police Department.

Police Highlights also lists all reportable vehicular crashes that have occurred in town. A brief summary of the situation leading up to the crash, the crash itself, charges filed, and general injury information is included in the list. This publication is also viewable online at the www.viennava.gov site by clicking on the "Police Highlights" link at the bottom left.

Lastly, as the Public Information Officer for the department, I want you to know that I am easily accessible via email at wmurray@viennava.gov or by telephone at 703-255-6396. Feel free to contact me regarding incidents, officers, or operations, or if you want to verify a rumor or story.



Vienna Arts Society Celebrates 40 Years

In April 1969, nine lady painters formed the Vienna Arts Society. Today, VAS has approximately 300 members ranging from the professional artist to the novice.

VAS members have the opportunity to exhibit and sell their paintings at continuous shows throughout Fairfax County, including L'Image Salon & Spa in the Pan Am Shopping Center, Patrick Henry Library, Whole Foods, and Meadowlark Gardens. VAS operates a mini-gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center, and in 2004 opened the Vienna Art Center at 115 Pleasant St., N.W., for exhibits, workshops, and art lessons. The space may also be reserved by other organizations for parties, receptions, and meetings.

VAS annual events include the juried "Treasury of Art" show at the Vienna Community Center in November, and a spring art show, July photography show, and September "themed" show at the Vienna Art Center.

For more information, visit www.viennaartssociety.org or call 703-319-3971.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in January:

FGR Consulting
consultant
206 Ridgewood Ct., N.E.
703-447-6833

HB Sales
consultant
514½ Mill St., N.E.
571-243-3210

The Norton Law Firm
law office
907 Shady Dr., S.E.
571-334-1398

Wear Hair for You
hair alternatives
103 Park St., S.E.
571-225-3334

Propnet-Proposal Solutions Net
consultant
301 Maple Ave., W. #430
703-904-3730

TKR Group
consultant
301 Maple Ave., W. #220
703-652-4251

Las Americas Services
tax preparation
243 Church St., N.W. #100A
703-255-1481

Leed Mechanical Services
contractor
232 Dominion Rd., N.E.
703-255-1077

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Support Our Hometown Merchants

Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries in March: *30 years* – The Cardiovascular Group; *20 years* – Panjshir II Restaurant; *10 years* – Keith's Consolidated Driver Education, Saco's Barber Shop.

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, March 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E. (entrance at the dead end of the street). This service of the Public Works Department provides citizens a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For more information, call 703-255-6381.

Too often, used oil is improperly poured down storm drains or into sewers. Just one quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water, releasing toxic metals such as lead, cadmium, and arsenic into the environment. Recycled oil is a valuable resource that can be re-manufactured into new fuels.

Antifreeze, like oil, can contaminate water and should never be disposed of in drains or sewers. In addition, antifreeze stored around the house presents a great danger to children and pets; it tastes sweet but is deadly poison.

Improper disposal of automobile batteries is a leading cause of lead contamination in landfills and energy recovery facilities. In Virginia it is illegal to dispose of automobile batteries with refuse.

Summer Jobs Available

The Town of Vienna has a number of openings in the Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Departments for temporary summer workers beginning in May. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The starting salary is \$9 per hour.

Public Works laborers assist Town crews in maintaining and repairing curbs, gutters and sidewalks, or in the daily operations of the Water and Sewer division. Parks Maintenance workers assist in maintaining ball fields, mowing grass, and cleaning park sites, while the summer landscaper position assists the Town's horticulturist with the watering program and landscaping tasks.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, be able to perform heavy manual labor, and have a valid driver's license. **THOSE HIRED WILL BE EXPECTED TO WORK FOR AT LEAST SIX WEEKS.** For an application and more information, call the Administrative Services Office at 703-255-6350 or go to www.viennava.gov and click on the "Employment" link.

"Beauty Spot"

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for their beautification projects. The latest "Beauty Spot" awards, for their outstanding holiday decorations, go to:

- William and Jean James, 301 Talahi Rd., S.E.
- Shirley Martin, 220 Glyndon St., N.E.
- Edgardo Moran, 212 Locust St., S.W.
- La Malagueña Restaurant, 147 Maple Ave., W.

Citizen suggestions for Beauty Spot awards are welcomed. Send them in care of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna, VA 22180 or e-mail nriddel@viennava.gov.

THE NEW ONLINE EDITIONS OF THE VIENNA DINING & RETAIL GUIDES

CAN BE FOUND AT www.viennava.gov, CLICK ON "DINING & RETAIL."

TOWN BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT THIS SITE TO UPDATE THEIR LISTINGS
& NEW BUSINESS ARE WELCOME TO SUBMIT INFORMATION.

March

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	2 Business license renewal deadline Town Council	3 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze & batteries at Northside Property Yard 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
8 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	9 Town Council work session	10 Mayor's Advisory Committee "Vienna at Your Service"	11 Planning Commission	12 Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	13	14
15	16 Town Council	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 Board of Zoning Appeals	19 Board of Architectural Review	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	27	28
29	30	31 Transportation Safety Commission				

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FIRE & RESCUE
EMERGENCY
911**
(Voice & TDD)

**VIENNA POLICE
DIRECT**
703-938-4900 (Voice)
703-255-5730 (TDD)
NON-EMERGENCY
703-255-6366 (Voice)
703-255-5730 (TDD)

COMMUNITY CENTER
703-255-6360 (Voice)
703-255-5739 (TDD)
120 Cherry St., S.E.
Vienna, Virginia 22180

VIENNA TOWN HALL
703-255-6300 (Voice)
703-255-5735 (TDD)
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This document will be made available in large print or on audio cassette upon request. Call 703-255-6330, TDD 703-255-5735.



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This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

MARCH 1999 – A “walk-through” on Beulah Rd., N.E., has been scheduled for March 27 to identify right-of-way associated with the proposed improvements to the roadway and which trees may be affected by the project. The Department of Public Works and the Virginia Department of Transportation held a meeting in January with interested residents to review two proposals for Beulah Road, one maintaining the existing alignment of the street and the other slightly realigning the roadway in order to preserve the larger trees.

MARCH 1979 – The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority has begun cleanup operations in preparation for the extension of the Washington & Old Dominion Regional Park from Falls Church through Vienna. This section of the trail should open later this spring, pending completion of major bridges over Routes 66 and 495. Eventually, the trail will reach 42 miles from Arlington To Purcellville.

MARCH 1969 – As mentioned in a previous newsletter, plans are underway to establish a center for historical preservation on the property of the Freeman House on Church Street. Unfortunately, the Town’s arrangements are not moving ahead as fast as the vandals, as damage to the house proves, and we can only hope there will be enough left to preserve. In addition, the old “Vienna, Va.” signs have been taken from each end of the train station. Anyone knowing their whereabouts are asked to notify Town Hall. The matter of their return will be handled with the utmost discretion.

INFORMATION 24 HOURS A DAY
Vienna Newsline — 703-255-6333
www.viennava.gov

Water Mains Flushed in Spring

Each spring the Town of Vienna flushes the water mains in its distribution system in order to maintain a high standard of water quality and to ensure proper and efficient operation of the fire hydrants. The preventive maintenance program begins in early April, and flushing usually occurs between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Water mains are flushed by opening the fire hydrants and allowing the water to flow freely for a short period of time. The flushing cleans out sediment that normally accumulates during the summer and winter, and enables the Town to test and perform routine maintenance on the 800+ fire hydrants within its service area.

Flushing may result in some discoloration and the presence of sediment in the water reaching your home or business. These conditions are not harmful and should be of short duration. The Town appreciates your tolerance of this inconvenience. If you need more information, please call the Water and Sewer Customer Service Office at 703-255-6385.